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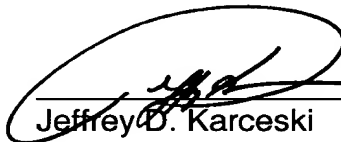
For: RECORDING RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING DEVICE AND  
RECORDING RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING METHOD

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**STATUS INQUIRY REPLY**

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